

USIB AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON
CIVIL AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION EXCHANGE
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INTRODUCTION

1. The subcommittee met to review the USAF (1127th USAF Field Activities Group, Fort Belvoir, Virginia) memorandum of 9 September 1959, which presented detailed information regarding the proposed civil aircraft production exchange. This memorandum was sent to the USIB Committee on Exchanges.

2. The subcommittee met to determine also whether the US would accrue a substantial technological gain if the exchange is effected.

GENERAL

1. The subcommittee agreed that paragraph 2 of the subject memorandum, which defines the objectives of the exchange, should be restated as follows:

"The objective of this exchange is to determine Soviet intentions and progress toward production and development of jet transport aircraft. Of additional importance is the collection of current civil transport aircraft production data and targeting and technical information."

The previous statement limited the objective to supersonic aircraft and did not include development programs. It is recommended that the USIB Committee on Exchanges accept the objective statement as rewritten.

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2. It was concluded by the subcommittee that there is no reason to delete any portion of, or to expand upon the statements made by ATIC specialists and ARDC technicians regarding the potential US technological and intelligence gains resulting from the exchange as outlined in Tabs D and E of the subject memorandum.

3. Recommendations

The subcommittee on Civil Aircraft Production Exchanges recommends that the USIB Committee on Exchanges instruct the US Air Force to forward a letter to the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) stating that it has been determined that the US will acquire a substantial technological gain from this exchange. It is also recommended that the AIA be requested to reopen the case with the aircraft industry in order to reinstate AIA as sponsor of this exchange.

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